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Sir :

In response to the Official Action dated August 4, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 18-27 with the following amended paragraph:

A₁ A high DNS server 16, a WWW server 17, etc., are arranged on the Internet1. The high DNS server 16 is a name server that manages a domain name of a high position of a hierarchical structure, (i.e. , tree structure) in which domain ~~manes~~ names are hierarchically arranged like a tree. A domain name of a low hierarchy that DNS servers 14A, 14B manage is provided under the domain name of the high hierarchy that the high DNS server 16 manages. The WWW server 17 registers a transmitting image in a case described later. The IFAX 11A and the IFAX 11B also can communicate with each other via a telephone network 18, as a normal facsimile.

Please replace the paragraph on page 25, lines 10-20 with the following amended paragraph:

P₂ The capability exchange section 31 of IFAX 111A obtains capability information of the destination terminal from the DNS server 14A (ST 908). Thereby, it is possible to surely obtain the capability information only by making an inquiry to the DNS server, even if the capability information of the destination terminal is not registered in the server 13A, which is first ~~inquired~~ queried. The reason is that capability information of the destination terminal is registered in the DNS server, which is searchable by the mail address of the destination terminal.